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House Resolution 523

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## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Urging all local school systems in Georgia to honor Veterans' Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Veterans' Day is celebrated throughout the nation every year to honor those
- 3 citizens who have served in the military; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the men and women who answered the call to serve their country in times of
- 5 war and times of peace are worthy of being so honored; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the elementary and secondary school children of our state, in particular, can
- 7 benefit from learning of the sacrifice and sense of duty to state and country; and
- 8 WHEREAS, every corner of the state has one or more veterans' organizations with members
- 9 who would be willing to participate in Veterans' Day ceremonies in local schools; and
- 10 WHEREAS, closing the schools in honor of Veterans' Day would be far less instructive and
- meaningful than planned ceremonies which include the participation of local veterans and
- 12 school children; and
- WHEREAS, school children would learn a great deal about patriotism and love of country
- 14 through interaction with their neighbors who served in the military.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 16 the members of this body urge each local school system in this state to develop and
- implement a program in conjunction with Veterans' Day, which should, if possible, include
- 18 the participation and assistance of local veterans' organizations, to inculcate in students a
- 19 feeling of patriotism and pride in their country and make them aware of the sacrifices that
- 20 have been made so they can live freely.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press and
- 3 to the State School Superintendent with a request to distribute copies of this resolution to all
- 4 school systems in this state.